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LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Matt Vaughan, a freshman from Mexico, Mo., and student organizer for the ONE Campus Challenge, celebrates with fellow ONE Campaign supporters after Tuesday night’s free concert at the Capitol Arts Center. Western’s ONE supporters were treated to a free cookout, messages from band Daughtry and musician Bono, and performances by Georgie James and Army of Me.



Washington, D.C., rock band Army of Me performs for fans and ONE Campaign supporters at the ONE Campus Challenge concert at the Capitol Arts Center. The newly signed Doghouse Records band is currently on tour with The Used and Straylight Run.



Army of Me lead singer Vince Scheuerman performs during the ONE Campus Challenge concert Tuesday night.

ONE.

Victory concert draws large crowd

EMILY ULBER
Herald reporter

Matt Vaughan and several other leaders of the ONE Campus Challenge had a huge moment of deja vu Tuesday night at the ONE victory concert. Army of Me began playing “Thinking it Over,” the song that played in the video on the ONE Campus Challenge’s blog that announced Western as the winner of the challenge on April 9. “I just remembered that moment when we gathered around my laptop in my dorm room to watch the video,” Vaughan, a freshman from Mexico, Mo. said. “We didn’t know if we had won yet. Flash forward, and we’re at the concert, hearing the same song.” Army of Me and Georgie James performed at the concert. Martin Royle was sick and unable to perform, Vaughan said. Tables were set up in the lobby of the venue with free ONE T-shirts and bracelets. The doors of the Capitol Arts Theater opened at 7:30 p.m. and the show started about 8:15 p.m. ONE press secretary Kimberly Cadena, ONE Campus Challenge leader Erin Eagan and Vaughan

took the stage. The theater of about 800 seats was nearly full. Cadena congratulated Western students for their dedication to the ONE Campus Challenge, a national competition to raise awareness about global poverty. “You helped save lives this year, and you helped make lives better, and we are grateful for that,” she said. Vaughan accepted a plaque on behalf of Western. “Way to go, Hilltoppers,” Vaughan said. “3,000 people at Western are now signed up (for the ONE Campaign). That’s an accomplishment no other university could match.” Vaughan said he was happy to sit back and enjoy the concert, but there was still work to be done to end world poverty. “The spirit of change is alive and well here at WKU,” he said. “For years to come we’re going to have to keep rocking the movement. We can do this and we will do it.”

SEE **ONE**, PAGE 8A

Emergency plan completed, to be tested this month

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

Three years before the Virginia Tech shootings, Western officials began implementing a comprehensive, campus-wide emergency warning system. The sixth and final phase of the emergency plan — the installation of speakers on top of three campus buildings — is complete and will be tested May 12 or May 19, Telecommunications Director Edwin Craft said. Gene Tice, vice president of student affairs and campus services, gave credit for the formulation, research and implementation of Western’s emergency plan to Craft and his team. Western has 60 buildings spread over 200 acres. The warning system can notify all areas of the campus in six different ways. Should a crisis happen, the Event Notification Server, a gateway system that links all communication sources on campus, is activated. A warning message is sent to 200 on-campus phones per minute, more than 13,000 cell phone subscribers, in-building paging speakers, digital signage, campus e-mail and first responders, such as police and firefighters. The newly installed speakers on top of Downing University Center, Cherry Hall and Keen Hall will play a three second tone followed by a recorded or live message, Craft said. The recorded messages, sent from campus police headquarters, can warn the campus community of severe weather, a biohazard disaster and an active threat such as a shooter or bomb threat.

SEE **EMERGENCY**, PAGE 9A

College Democrats inactive as primary approaches

EILEEN RYAN
Herald reporter

This semester, the race for Democratic presidential nominee is neck-and-neck between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. During this politically charged time, Western’s College Democrats have been inactive. Kentuckians will vote in a primary on May 20. Normally before an election, the group would promote candidates through methods including voter registration drives, phone banks and door-to-door appeals. Other organizations, such as the local Obama Campaign office, carry those roles. Confusion about leadership and declining membership last fall contributed to the group’s inactivity, said Elissa Belak, public relations co-chair for the group. Horse Branch senior Tim Morris served as president last fall. He planned to graduate in December, and the group was supposed to elect a new president, Belak said.

SEE **DEMOCRATS**, PAGE 9A

Students rally to prevent instructor’s termination

EMILY ULBER
Herald reporter

Signs they made in protest carry their message: “Save our Schaffer.” Several students are trying to secure the job of Shannon Schaffer, an instructor of philosophy and religion. Western decided to fire Schaffer because she hasn’t earned her doctorate in the time given to her, several of her students said. Schaffer was required to finish her doctorate degree by the beginning of her fourth year of teaching, Leitchfield senior Andrew Skaggs said. By the end of Schaffer’s third year, in the spring of 2007, she had not finished. She was given an extension of a full school year, but missed the deadline because of illness and pregnancy, Skaggs said. Schaffer is close to finishing her doctorate and should be done by the end of

June, her students said. Schaffer declined to comment, citing a busy schedule. Officials referred questions to Provost Barbara Burch, who did not return requests for comment by press time. Students went to the Board of Regents meeting on April 24 with signs and shirts urging regents to reconsider the decision to terminate Schaffer. The students didn’t get to speak at the meeting because they didn’t make a formal proposal beforehand. Skaggs said he hopes to get enough support for the next meeting in June, when the board will address terminations. In the meantime, Skaggs and the other students set up a meeting with Potter College Dean David Lee.

SEE **RALLY**, PAGE 10A



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Alvaton sophomore Casey Bray speaks to Potter College Dean David Lee on behalf of Shannon Schaffer, an instructor of philosophy and religion. Seven students gathered Tuesday afternoon to protest the possible firing of Schaffer because of her failure to earn a doctorate by her fourth year as an instructor at Western.

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►CRIME REPORTS

Reports

◆ Scott F. Burnley, Bowling Green, reported on April 24 the theft of his wallet from Garrett Food Court. The value of the theft was \$165.

►CORRECTION

Due to a Herald error the fraternity winners of Greek Week’s Tug competition were incorrect in the April 29 article “KDs, FarmHouse win annual Tug competition,” on the Diversions front.

FarmHouse placed first, while Phi Delta Theta fraternity placed second and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity placed third.

Due to a Herald error, information was incorrectly attributed in a page 5B article on the concrete canoe team on April 29.

Information attributed to David Coomes actually came from Whitesville senior Sean O’Bryan, co-captain of the team.

The Herald regrets the errors.

The College Heights Herald corrects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporters’ or editors’ attention. Please call 745-6011 or 745-5044 to report a correction or e-mail us at editor@chherald.com.

a thousand words

LUKE SHARRETT



Our Demir has a lot in common with other Western students his age. He’s involved with Greek organizations, loves to travel and can often be spotted eating lunch at the Garrett Food Court. In many ways, Demir is just like any other freshman. But one thing that sets him apart, is that he’s one of only about 10 students who call the Republic of Turkey home.

Born and raised a Muslim in Istanbul, Demir went to a German high school and traveled all over Europe and Africa. He originally planned to go to a university in Germany, but changed his mind.

“I couldn’t see any future there,” he said. “They don’t like us over there.”

Demir transferred to Western and took part in the English as a Second Language program. He is now working toward a degree in mechanical engineering.

“Life is easier here,” Demir said. “The people are warm.”

Despite the friendly welcome Demir experienced, he said there is still prejudice against Muslim international students. One stereotype he has seen is that all Muslims are thought to be “terrorists.”

Demir spends time outside of class with other international students. He is also a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

“I am a Muslim guy from another country, and I am a brother,” Demir said.

►CRIME REPORTS

Arrests

◆ Verlentez L. Williams, Nashville, was arrested on April 29 in McCormack Hall and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the

same day on a court order.

◆ Anthony E. Jones, Bowling Green, was arrested on April 29 in McCormack and charged with trafficking in marijuana more than eight ounces and less than five pounds and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held in the Warren

County jail on a \$500 cash bond.

◆ David A. Smith, Bowling Green, was arrested on April 29 and charged with failure to wear a seat belt and no operator’s license. He was released from the Warren County jail the same day on a \$156.35 cash bond.

►NEWS BRIEF

O.C. star visits campus


The O.C.’s Ben McKenzie will meet with students to discuss why he supports Sen. Barack Obama for president in

the Java City in Helm Library.

McKenzie has been campaigning for Obama across the country, and will stop at Western at 12:40 p.m. today as part of a set of visits to schools across Kentucky.

McKenzie played the troubled teen Ryan Atwood on the Fox TV show for four years.

— Eileen Ryan

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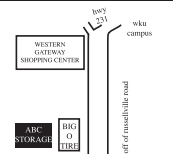
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STATE GOVERNMENT

Cowgill resigning as CPE president

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

Brad Cowgill will not “wage battle” with Gov. Steve Beshear over Cowgill’s recent appointment as Council on Postsecondary Education president.

Cowgill said Tuesday that he will resign as CPE president, effective on a date that council members determine would allow easy transition to new leadership.

“I do this for one reason: in the foreseeable future, it would be necessary to devote excessive time and effort to unproductive activities, denying me the satisfaction of fruitful work,” he said in a statement.

President Gary Ransdell was appointed to a search committee for a new CPE president by CPE Chair John Turner.

Ransdell said he enjoyed working with Cowgill, but looks forward to the opportunity to hire a new president.

Cowgill’s resignation comes after a ruling from Attorney

General Jack Conway, that said Cowgill’s appointment was illegal because no national search was conducted.

Gov. Steve Beshear requested Conway’s ruling.

If Cowgill hadn’t resigned, the governor could have asked all of the council members to resign or replaced them, said Drew Jenkins in Conway’s press office.

A search for a new president began in February 2007 after former President Tom Layzell announced in August 2006 his intention to retire.

The search was terminated because no suitable candidate was found, Turner said.

Kentucky statute requires CPE to conduct a national search and interview at least three candidates.

Beshear said Cowgill should be excluded from CPE’s new search because he was hired illegally, according to Beshear’s press office.

Cowgill had been acting as CPE interim president for about eight months until he was

appointed president on April 14.

Turner said he accepts the resignation with mixed emotions.

Meanwhile, the removal of council member Virginia Fox creates more controversy for the CPE.

Fox is contesting her removal. Beshear removed Fox after the House of Representatives didn’t approve her, said Sue Patrick, CPE director of communications.

Fox is saying she didn’t need to be approved by the House, Patrick said.

She said Fox was a valued CPE member and an advocate for educational reform.

Kentucky statute states members must be approved by the House and the Senate.

Fox said the statute violates the Kentucky Constitution, which states members only have to be approved by the Senate, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

Reach Michelle Day
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BOWLING GREEN

City to hear on funding report for downtown redevelopment

LAUREL WILSON
Herald reporter

Downtown redevelopment cannot move forward until the \$25 million in bonds are issued to pay for it, Mayor Elaine Walker said.

The City Commission voted in February to approve the bonds to fund the development projects, but only under the condition that developers came up with \$150 million in investments.

At the commission meeting on Tuesday, the developers are expected to give a report that will indicate whether they have met that requirement, Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson said.

If the investment criteria has been met, it is likely that the commission will vote to issue the bonds, Wilkerson said.

Once the bonds are

issued, the city will be eligible to receive Tax Increment Financing bonds, which repay the city for state tax revenue created by the city occupying a property that would otherwise be vacant, Walker said.

The TIF bonds are critical, because they are necessary to generate money to repay the redevelopment bonds, Walker said.

The money from the bonds is needed to complete the purchase of the property and begin construction on other development projects, Walker said.

Currently, the only development under construction is Circus Square, a public park with green space and a fountain, Walker said.

Circus Square will offer a larger space for community events than Fountain Square, said Marissa Butler, public relations coordina-

tor for the Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“It will allow these events to grow, in turn offering entertainment to more people,” Butler said.

After the bonds are issued, construction will start on the ballpark, parking structure and mixed use properties, which consist of offices and retail, Walker said. These projects are expected to be completed in April 2009.

The entire planned downtown redevelopment, which also includes a performing arts center, hotel, condominiums, townhouses, high-end restaurants and shops, will take three to five years to be fully complete and will span from 14th to sixth avenues.

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BOTTOMS to our friends leaving us. We're going to miss having them around.

TOPS to the beginning of summer. It will be nice to have a break from all the homework.

BOTTOMS to finals week, the one thing keeping us from getting much needed R&R.

TOPS to Western's campus being more aware of environmental issues.

BOTTOMS to the people who take advantage of Western's unlimited printing policy.

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Marsupial Awards

The good. The bad. And the ugly.

Is the massive amount of papers, projects and finals weighing heavy on your mind? Well if you are anything like those on the Herald staff it is. But fear not, because the Herald is here and we come bearing gifts, the 2007-08 Marsupial Awards. The Marsupial Awards are a Herald tradition in which we recognize the events that have kept us laughing, crying and scratching our heads for the past two semesters.

To each of the football players we would like to give a neck brace to protect them against next semester's season. We hope they'll keep their minds in the game and their bodies off the stretchers.

The great commonwealth of Kentucky gets a copy of QuickBooks. Hopefully it will help the legislators learn how to balance the state budget.

The men's soccer team gets one last chant. Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole. Those poor guys have been discarded from Western's sports like a dirty old towel.

Jeanne Johnson and Brian Fisher get a toaster. Best of luck in the future you two. May your marriage be checked and balanced.

The men's basketball team gets its place in Western's history. Making it all the way to the Sweet 16 is quite an accomplishment.

The Board of Regents gets their very own Jiminy Cricket. We hope it will help them to learn to let their conscience be their guide.

The Peeping Tom gets the cover charge for a peep show. At least now the

interaction is between consensual adults.

Wood Selig is presented with a giant bag of money. Hopefully this will help curb his hunger for more guarantee games.

For President Gary Ransdell, we got a brand new flag. Fly it high and proud until another drunk student steals it again.

We got a Tickle Me Elmo for the proper. At least Elmo will see it coming. Sorry, little buddy.

Yung Joc finally gets his concert. Maybe campus police will break their previous concert record of eight pre-show arrests.

The parking guy gets a trip to Oz in search of a heart. But seriously, that guy is Western's Barney Fife, always nipping a good day in the bud with a slip of paper under the windshield wiper.

Pam Johnson gets a bagel and shmear from Einstein Bros. She really needs to give in and savor the cream cheese.

WBKO's Chris Allen gets a gift certificate to Hooters. Just remember to sit on your hands. You can look but don't touch.

Darrin Horn gets season tickets to the men's basketball games. No more court-side seating for you though, straight to the nosebleeds.

Courtney Lee gets a free throw. This way he can have the all time scoring record to himself.

Plus/minus grading gets a coffin.



Hopefully we can bury it faster than it was voted down by the University Senate.

And to Roy Biggers we give a lump of coal and switches. Wish we could say we miss him but honestly we never liked that guy anyway. He was Western's ver-

sion of the "Seinfeld" soup Nazi. Good luck on your final exams, and be safe this summer.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member editorial board.

COMMENTARY

Coming of new chapters bittersweet for editor

WES NOLEN
Editor-in-chief

With every end, there is a new beginning.

Haunted by the surgical scars from two blown ACLs and the deep throbbing pain of a strained UCL in my elbow, my collegiate baseball career was left in shambles. For two years, I fought through the injuries, but in vain. I was slowly weaned from the game. Losing my spot in the starting rotation, and later my title



as the go-to-man in the bullpen, I became just an average reliever. Despite all my efforts, ice baths and operating tables, it had to end.

Little did I know as I walked out of the locker room for the last time, that I would be walking into a new life of friends, colleagues and a degree that no one could ever take away from me. I found a home here on the opinion page drawing cartoons. But more than anything, I found a new life, and eventually became the editor-in-chief.

Today, I've got the same feeling I had when I took my nameplate off my locker — sorrow. But when the last tear falls and the ride is over, it will mark the beginning of a new chapter in my life.

So friends, take care and thanks for all the support. Who knows? We might meet again on down the trail.

The opinions expressed in this commentary do not reflect those of the Herald or the university.

CORRECTION

Due to a Herald error, information in our page four editorial on April 29, "Unlimited printing = unlimited waste," was incorrect.

GreenToppers President Sara Ferguson's name was misspelled.

Undergraduate students print an average of 500 pages per year, not 50. The \$185,000 used for printing in 2007 includes paper, toner and maintenance, but not the actual printers.

The information was provided to the Herald by GreenToppers, but came from research conducted by Academic Technology.

The Herald regrets the errors.

Despite the errors, the Herald editorial board believes that misuse of the unlimited printing policy is still harmful and should be addressed with a page quota.

The College Heights Herald corrects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporters' or editors' attention. Please call 745-6011 or 745-5044 to report a correction, or e-mail us at editor@chherald.com.

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OUTLOOK

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FACILITIES

Summer will be busy time for construction projects

MARIANNE HALE
Herald reporter

Renovations will begin on five of Western's 15 dorms this summer.

Renovation on every dorm will be complete in 2010, said Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life. The five beginning this summer are the final renovations.

Pearce-Ford Tower, Keen, McCormack, Rodes-Harlin and Gilbert halls will receive improvements this summer.

The Student Life Foundation is funding the five renovations through bonds with a combined total of about \$20 million, Kuster said.

Renovations began in 2000. Western will be the only school in Kentucky to renovate all of its dorms since their construction, Kuster said.

PFT's renovation will come in three parts, he said.

Floors 20 through 27 will be worked on this summer, the middle section of the building in summer 2009 and the bottom portion in summer 2010.

Workers will replace everything in the dorms, Kuster said.

Floor 27, a lounge, will receive new windows and a lift to make it more accessible.

McCormack, Rodes-Harlin and Gilbert, located in "The Valley," will receive new air and heating units, updated lighting and new ceilings.

New flooring and furnishings will be put in "The Valley" halls in summer 2009.

Renovations on the taller portion of Keen include new flooring,

painting, lighting and furniture.

The shorter half of the building will receive the same improvements in summer 2009.

Several other projects are also planned for the summer:

Smith Stadium

Coaches can move into their offices in June as the bottom two levels of the west grandstand are completed.

The upper two levels will be completed before football season begins this fall.

The renovation costs \$49 million.

College of Education

Contractors will bid on the \$35 million project this summer and construction will begin in August.

Construction will end in fall 2010, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

Snell Hall

Construction will continue on the building that will primarily hold classrooms and research labs. The \$25 million project should be finished in fall of 2009.

Preston Center

The weight room will be expanded, and some of the handball courts will be renovated.

The \$10 million project will go out for bid after July 1, and construction will begin

around the beginning of the fall semester.

Van Meter Hall

The stage will be expanded, and the building will be made more handicap accessible.

The \$16 million renovation will begin toward the beginning of fall semester after a bid is accepted this summer.

Parking Lots

The General Assembly allowed Western \$4 million for parking improvements, some of which will be made this summer.

The Center Street and Kentucky Street lots will be renovated this summer, Senior Project Manager Ben Johnson said.

Other planned parking improvements include Chestnut Street, University Boulevard and PFT lots.

The Adams Street lot won't be renovated until summer 2009.

Power upgrade

Work on Western's underground voltage system will continue.

The Academic Complex will be put on a new power system with higher voltage, Johnson said.

The old system is prone to failure and can result in power outages, he said.

That system has been used in certain parts of campus for as long as 80 years.

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ADMINISTRATION

Five lawsuits against Western still pending

HOLLY BROWN
Herald reporter

Western is heading into the summer with five pending lawsuits.

The university will have to defend itself in four cases against alleged civil rights violations, wrongful death, injury and discrimination.

It will be defending its use of eminent domain condemnation in the fifth lawsuit.

Western vs. Clark, et al

Warren County Circuit Court Judge Steve Wilson awarded the property at 1672 Normal St. to the university in an eminent domain condemnation hearing March 4.

H.B. Clark Jr., who has been acting on behalf of the family who owned the property, filed an appeal of the decision and exceptions to the value set by the court.

The court appraisers set the value of the property at \$204,500. Clark had the property appraised at \$315,400, but Western's appraisers valued the property at \$152,000.

According to a legal summary by General Counsel Deborah Wilkins, Western has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal and expects a decision from the court this summer.

No trial date has been set for the jury trial to determine the value of the property.

Junlian Zhang vs. Western

A visiting scholar who was contracted by Western to

conduct research is suing the university on five counts of alleged civil rights infringements.

Junlian Zhang, through her attorney Pam Bratcher, filed a complaint with the Warren County Circuit Court on Nov. 17, 2007.

She alleges in the complaint that her supervisor at the Institute of Combustion Science and Environmental Technology, Wei-Ping Pan, violated four civil rights acts and caused intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The case is currently in the discovery process.

Bratcher said she believes they will begin taking the depositions of Zhang and Pan in June and hearings will begin in early 2009.

"I expect the discovery process will yield some interesting information regarding some of the international scholars and the working conditions at ICSET," Bratcher said.

Zhang is suing for compensatory damages, punitive damages and reinstatement of employment.

Autry Estate vs. Western

The Kentucky Board of Claims will hear testimony in a wrongful death claim against Western on Aug. 13 and 14.

The estate of the Pellville freshman Melissa "Katie" Autry, who was murdered in 2003, filed claims with the Warren County Circuit Court, but the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled in 2005 that Western has governmental immunity.

This means that the claim will be heard by the board, a court set up by the state to deal with claims against the state, rather than a trial jury.

Hearing officer Jan West will hear the complaint.

The Autry estate will have to prove Western failed to perform a clearly defined written policy.

Ben Crocker, the attorney representing the estate, said he feels confident he can prove that.

"They admitted their procedure was to lock doors and, for whatever reason, they didn't do it," he said.

If West rules in favor of the estate, the maximum that can be paid will be \$200,000, and the court doesn't compensate for pain and suffering.

Compensation would be paid by the state, not Western.

Ledbetter vs. Western

A former student filed an appeal on the ruling against negligence in his injury suit against Western on April 4.

Patrick Ledbetter filed a claim with the Kentucky Board of Claims alleging that Western was at fault for the injuries he sustained when he fell from an elevator in Cherry Hall while in his wheelchair.

The board ruled in favor of Western on Feb. 21.

The Warren County Circuit Court is reviewing the case to determine whether the board had sufficient reason for its ruling.

According to Wilkins' legal summary, the case is currently under review.

Ledbetter's sum of damag-

es is \$74,616, but the appeal goes on to list future costs for spinal surgery and attorney's fees.

Ingrid Woods vs. Western

The attorney representing a former Western employee in a discrimination lawsuit against Western has asked for a fifth postponement.

Ingrid Woods, former assistant director of the Academic Advising and Retention Center, filed suit Nov. 3, 2006.

In her claim, she alleges that Western administrators changed the requirements for the position of director of the advising and retention center when she applied to prevent her from being eligible because she is Hispanic.

The requirements were changed from a master's degree to a doctorate.

Trial date was originally set for June 4, 2007 but was postponed at the request of Woods' attorney, David Broderick.

Trial was postponed again when the attorney representing her case moved to a job in another county.

Kevin Hackworth, attorney at Broderick and Associates law firm, resumed work on the case and requested postponement for time to get the case together.

Woods is suing for damages, including the pay increase she would have received if she had been promoted and punitive damages for emotional distress.


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Forensic team's preparation pays off at tournament

Western's forensic team swept a national tournament championship in Nashville. The

tournament was hosted by the National Forensic Association on April 17-21.

The team won the debate championship for the seventh time and the individual events championship, which includes

rhetorical criticism, persuasion and impromptu speaking, for the fifth time.

Forensics Director Judy Woodring said Western's team practiced hard to prepare for the competition.

"It was a very difficult tournament," Woodring said. "It was probably the best competition we've faced in a long time."

—Eileen Ryan

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ACADEMICS

Task force assembled to review general education requirements

HOLLY BROWN
Herald reporter

Western is assembling a task force to review general education requirements over the summer.

Larry Snyder, associate dean of the Potter College, will lead the task force.

He said that a task force is assembled occasionally to review general education requirements, evaluate if requirements are fulfilling Western's intentions and review any recommendations.

The course catalog states that the goal of the requirements is to provide a foundation by teaching students to think critically, make rational decisions and communicate effectively.

Snyder said Provost Barbara

Burch called for the task force, asking that the university take a comprehensive review of the requirements.

There are no current recommendations for change. Any recommendations will come from the task force's review, Snyder said.

"One possible recommendation is that 'it works just fine, leave it alone,'" he said. "We've not been told that we have to change anything."

Potter College Dean David Lee led the last general education task force, which met 10 years ago.

That task force generated a version of possible changes, had open meetings on campus to talk about those changes and get reactions, Lee said. Then it presented its review, which

included concerns they heard from campus, to the provost.

The new task force may follow a different strategy, he said.

The last task force reduced the number required for general education courses by nine hours to 44, began an assessment program and created the position of general education coordinator, which is currently empty.

History Department Head Robert Dietle had been the coordinator until July 2007.

"When he became head of the history department, we didn't replace him, partly because we knew there was going to be this task force," Lee said.

The university needs to have another task force review of the general education program because it's been 10 years since the last review, he said.

Burch said that although the university is pleased with the general education program, most degree programs have changed their requirements since the last review.

"If gen ed is supposed to undergird or be the foundation of a degree program, it needs to be current," Burch said. "The whole world's changing."

Burch said she has the full list of members for the task force but is not releasing names before Western sends letters of appointment by the end of the week.

She said the task force will probably meet before school is out and will work on the review through next spring.

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CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA looks to increase involvement, cut costs

NEIL SIDERS
Herald reporter

Student Government Association executives officially took office Tuesday, and President Johnathon Boles outlined his priorities for next semester.

Priorities include increasing student involvement, reducing SGA spending and examining textbook prices.

SGA will also examine the concealed carry issue and look to update the SGA Constitution next semester, Boles said.

Boles said he will not know specifically how SGA will address these issues until he meets with a full executive council. Boles still has to make appointments to the executive and judicial councils.

Three executives, including Boles, and 30 senators were elected April 1.

Boles said his top priority is generating student involvement in the organization.

"That can be a task," he said.

Boles said that he hoped to increase student involvement by ensuring that students are exposed to the organization through face-to-face discussions and events.

"People say we spend too much time in the office," Boles said. "Well, we are going to have people out on campus and in the office next semester."

Boles said having SGA members available across the campus will help inform students and encourage them to stop by the office.

SGA Executive Vice President Kayla Shelton said SGA should expand the role of its ambassador program to encourage involvement.

The ambassador program

sends SGA members to meetings of other campus organizations to promote communication with SGA and involvement with SGA events.

Ambassadors spread the message that SGA wants opinions from every student, Shelton said.

Former SGA President Jeanne Johnson said the best way to increase the level of SGA campus visibility was to have events and let people know SGA was responsible for the event.

Boles said another of his priorities was eliminating unnecessary cost from SGA budget.

In past years, SGA allotted money to buy all executive members name plates and other unnecessary office supplies, Boles said.

Boles said by eliminating these costs, SGA can put more

money back into the campus and its students, where it belongs.

Shelton agreed. "With the increased demand for organizational aid, I think that is a great idea," Shelton said.

Boles said one of his main goals outside improving the internal works of SGA was to look into the continuing problems with textbook prices.

Boles said he hoped to work with other SGAs to look at this national problem.

Many professors are not posting their online syllabi in time for students to purchase used books, Shelton said.

The senate will vote on executive and judicial appointments at next semester's first senate meeting.

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ONE

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After the wild applause and shouts of "Bono, Bono!" died down, Eagan and Cadena introduced a special video message from Bono, lead singer of U2 and co-founder of the ONE Campaign.

The musician called Western's efforts in the ONE Campus Challenge "absolute rock and roll."

"You haven't just done one amazing thing, you've done many amazing things," he said. "WKU is, like your good president said, a campus of ONE."

Bono said Western was proof American youths can make a difference in the world.

"You aren't just content to wish these problems away, you're doing something about it," Bono said.

After Bono's message, Cadena introduced Georgie James, the indie duo from Washington, D.C.

"Thank you for having us here to celebrate with you," said vocalist John Davis. "And thank you for all the great things you've done with the ONE Campaign."

Georgie James played several songs, including "Need Your Needs" and a few covers.

After their performance, Cadena introduced a video message from the band Daughtry.

The band was in Uganda early in April for "Idol Gives Back." Chris Daughtry was a contestant on "American Idol."

Cadena announced that the efforts of campuses that participated in the ONE Campus Challenge secured debt relief for Liberia through the International Monetary Fund.

This relief included money for health care and education.

Army of Me, another D.C. band, then took the stage, performing several songs off their album "Citizen," including "How Long" and "Going Through the Changes."

By request of the audience, Army of Me performed an encore including a cover of the song "ONE" by U2.

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One reason the group became inactive is because members kept graduating, said Saundra Ardrey, head of the political science department and the faculty adviser.

Morris has been working on U.S. Senate hopeful Greg Fischer's campaign. He said his support distributing fliers and signs at night works with his schedule.

"It's an opportunity for our college democrats to get excited and get involved in the campaign, because it's right here in Bowling Green now," Ardrey said.

*Reach Eileen Ryan
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The Western fight song has been recorded and will be played to celebrate victories such as the Hilltopper men's basketball team

In a test of Western's text-messaging and e-mail warning system on Feb. 8, 11,676 subscribers received text messages in an average time of 15 minutes.

Even with the comprehensive warning system in place, Craft said evaluations and revisions will be made to ensure the continued success of the program.

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FACILITIES

House to be used to create doctoral community home

EMILY ULBER
Herald reporter

The house at 1702 Normal St., which was previously used as a residence for visiting scholars, will now be used as the headquarters for the doctor of education in educational leadership program.

The house will hold the offices of Jeanne Fiene, director of the doctorate program, and John Bruni, the director of the Office of Applied Research and Analysis.

Provost Barbara Burch said a few rooms were painted in the house and a few more electrical outlets were put in.

She said there wasn't a lot of work that needed to be done on the house.

"It wasn't like a renovation," she said. "It was more adapting the house for a new use."

She said Western is using funds that were allocated for the doctorate program two years ago as a part of the university's Strategic Plan.

The doctor of education in educational leadership is the first doctorate program at Western. It was approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education in February.

Western's program will be divided into four areas: administrative leaders, teacher leaders, postsecondary leaders and organizational leaders.

Applications for the first students for the doctor of education in educational leadership will be accepted until May 8. The group will begin the program July 7.

More than 249 people have expressed interest in the program, Fiene said.

Fiene said she saw a need for an administrative office for the program.

"Many doctoral programs don't do well because they're located within an existing building," she said. "This will build a sense of community for the program."

The building will give the program a central home without being located within any particular college, she said.

The building will also have a conference room and reading room for students who need to use it. It will be equipped with computers.

"We plan on keeping the house open in the evenings for students to meet, write and congregate," Fiene said.

Bruni will help students with experimental design, statistics and measurements, he said.

He will support graduate students, faculty and staff, but he will not be limited to students in the doctorate program.

"Someone might be doing a study of students who have left the university and why they left," Bruni said. "It could involve research on any topic."

Bruni said he could help students construct a questionnaire and answer any basic questions they might have about research methods.

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RALLY

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Seven students attended the gathering in a conference room at the fine arts center on Tuesday.

They each spoke to Lee about why they thought Schaffer should be allowed to stay at Western.

Lee declined to speak about details of Schaffer's potential termination.

But Lee said Western's decision to eliminate Schaffer would not change if she received her doctorate before the June meeting.

Alvaton sophomore Casey Bray said firing Schaffer would create a void in the religious studies department.

"She has been one of the best professors I've had at Western,"

Bray said. "She doesn't shy away from getting to know us personally."

Bray was required to attend a local synagogue while she was in Schaffer's Judaic Religious Traditions class last fall.

Bray says she still gets e-mails from Schaffer about religious events, even though she isn't in Schaffer's class.

Bray said Schaffer's teaching was engaging.

"There's really a hoodspa behind it," she said. "I can't wait to go back to the synagogue."

Shayna O'Kelley, a senior from Austin, Texas, said Schaffer is a friend of her family.

"I've never heard a bad word about her," O'Kelley said. "Everyone raves about her."

Skaggs has taken six different classes with Schaffer.

"As far as teaching goes, it's

the one thing WKU has to offer that I haven't seen at other universities — quality teachers," he said. "President Ransdell keeps talking about how he wants Western to become a top state university. It seems wrong to lose one of these top teachers."

As the meeting came to a close, Lee said he would "carefully consider" students' arguments.

"You've made a logical, persuasive and persistent case today and in several other ways," he said.

Skaggs said he was unsure of what the outcome of that meeting will be.

"I'm glad we were able to gather some support and come to the dean as a small group," he said. "I'm just not sure what's going to happen."

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The way I see it, respect will be earned and lessons will be learned during the 2008 season. As much progress as they will make, a 13th consecutive winning season doesn't seem likely. The magic crystal ball says the Toppers will finish 5-7.

OK, hardwood time. Unless you've gone catatonic in the last month or so, you know Ken McDonald has taken the reins as the 13th head coach in Topper history. He recently landed a good

pick up in juco point man Anthony Sally. He also seems to be keeping all of the troops aboard at this point with no rumors swirling of any transfers. No doubt the loss of Courtney Lee and Tyrone Brazelton, Boris Siakam and Ty Rogers will hurt, but this would've been the same had Horn stayed. To add to the eye-popping excitement, the program is in the process of inking a deal for a four-game series with Louisville. Guess Dr. Selig wants to give McDonald an early gut check. Ken (finally) got his assistant coaches together, and has been seen schmoozing around town at local events, getting acclimated to his new home. He seems ready to go. Got to love the guy's spirit.

This prediction is hard because the schedule won't be out for a while, but if the Louisville series is any indication, McDonald and Co. should be in for a testy first campaign. Maybe a few tough losses, some hard times, but all in all, the 20-win season streak stays alive, with an NIT berth, says the crystal ball. Like I said, I don't have a hotline, and I think astrology is a bunch of bull. But hey, if a chick with a phony accent and a deck of cards can get paid to make predictions, I can do it too, sans accent and cards. Have a great summer folks.

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Perry said she is excited about the way her team has been playing.

"We're playing well on both sides of the ball, both good defense and strong offense," she said. "Hopefully we'll be able to carry this momentum with us." Western will wrap up its regular season with a three-

game series against Middle Tennessee State this weekend, with the first game starting at 3 p.m. Friday at the WKU Softball Complex. Reach Corey Ogburn
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FACILITIES

New building designed to eliminate mold problem

MARIANNE HALE
Herald reporter

An unwelcome resident makes its home in Tate Page Hall. Recognized by its musty odor, it can wreak havoc on the health of the building's inhabitants.

The intruder is mold, and it's one of the big reasons for the planned move to the new College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building, said Sharon Hartz, building coordinator for Tate Page.

Construction on the building will begin in August and will be completed in 2010, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

The new building will employ technology more suited to today's teacher education program, Hartz said.

It will have a more environment-friendly design that will help ward off the presence of mold, she said.

The mold has been an ongoing problem for Tate Page, she said.

It's existed in the building for more than 20 years, said Sam Evans, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science.

But being more aware of it during the past five or six years has helped keep the mold issue

under control.

Environmental Health and Safety does regular testing on the building to ensure that mold doesn't reach an elevated level, Evans said.

If it reaches an elevated level, the team works to enclose or remove the mold, he said.

The outdated HVAC system causes mold in Tate Page, he said.

The air conditioning units sweat, increasing the potential for mold growth.

Evaluating ventilation systems helps control mold, said Mark Pendley, director for Environmental Health and Safety.

Workers cleaned ductwork and replaced filters in Tate Page, Evans said.

Tate Page has addressed the mold issue in big parts of the building through two major eradications, he said.

Other work was done on smaller areas too.

Tate Page isn't the only campus building with mold. It's been found in at least one dorm, said Brian Kuster, director for Housing and Residence Life.

Last spring, mold was found and removed in one of the dorm bathrooms, he said. Kuster said he didn't remember which dorm it was in.

Housing and Residence Life tries to reduce the presence of mold by cleaning cooling units in dorms that could contain mold, he said.

Mold isn't just found indoors though; it can be found anywhere, Pendley said.

It can cause nasal congestion, eye and skin irritation, wheezing and fever, he said.

Some people are more sensitive to mold than others, Evans said.

Mold by itself usually doesn't cause illness, Pendley said.

The spores through which mold reproduces land on damp or wet places, grow and can cause irritation.

Pendley expects to hear more about the presence of mold as the summer approaches because of the increasing humidity, he said.

Mold sightings can be reported on the Environmental Health and Safety Web site.

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POLICE

Officer, mentor to athletes retires

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

"Here comes Fuzzy," is something Sgt. Mike Waldrop often heard from members of facility management when he made his rounds through campus buildings.

Waldrop, 40, will leave his nickname at Western when he retires today after 17 years with campus police.

Waldrop's uncle, Gary Raymer, was chief of police in Bowling Green and his grandfather, Everett Tabor, worked as a Western campus officer from 1971 to 1982.

Waldrop started at Western in 1991 after serving four years as a military police officer in the Army.

He began as a campus patrol officer but has served as a shift commander for the past 10 years.

Officer John Bailey, who has known Waldrop for more than two years, said Waldrop was a fine officer and great leader.

Job satisfaction for Waldrop came from serving Western.

For the past seven years, he worked as a mentor with the football and basketball teams.

He talked to them about proper conduct and personal responsibility off the field.

One of his proudest moments came in 2002 when then-football coach Jack Harbaugh presented him with the same national championship ring that the players received.

Waldrop was a frequent sight on the sidelines and served as last year's honorary captain at the Western-Eastern game.

Waldrop was named Officer of the Year in 1996 and received a Life Saving award in 2007 for helping to revive a student who collapsed in the Preston Center.

The student, unconscious and not breathing when Waldrop arrived with lifesaving equipment, began to breathe after Waldrop shocked him three times with an automatic defibrillator, Waldrop said.

Waldrop said he enjoyed putting on the Western police uniform and he will miss working with the officers in the department and the students.

"I always tried to be professional with students and help them when I could," he said.

Even though he's retiring his badge with campus police, he'll be pinning on another one next month when he starts as a deputy with the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

"I have fulfilled my commitment to Western, and I'm starting a new chapter in my law enforcement career," he said.

Officer Mike Miciotto, assistant shift commander, said that Waldrop was the most level-headed sergeant the department had.

"He cared about the mission, but he cared more about the officers," Miciotto said.

A public reception will be given in Waldrop's honor May 9 at 12:30 p.m. in RedZone.

"I know I'm leaving one of the most professional police departments in the state and I know I've left it in good hands," Waldrop said.

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BASEBALL

Tops drop 8-7 decision at Louisville

RYAN CAREY
Herald reporter

While most Western students are preparing to take their finals next week and then dive head first into summer, the Toppers still have work left to do.

Western still has 10 games left in the regular season leading up to the Sun Belt Tournament, that the Toppers will almost definitely be playing in, starting May 9.

“We’ve worked hard up to this point and good things are gonna happen,” sophomore pitcher Matt Ridings said. “Hopefully we can win all nine of (our conference games) and have some momentum going into the post season. That’s what good teams do.”

The Toppers (24-20, 11-10 Sun Belt) got game No. 44 in their season out of the way last night, losing 8-7 to Louisville (28-16, 10-8 Big East) after leading the Cardinals 5-0 early in the game.

Last night’s game against Louisville was one of two non-conference games left on this season’s schedule.

Western still has three conference weekends ahead of them in which they play Arkansas-Little Rock, Louisiana-Lafayette and Middle Tennessee State in three-game series.

The Toppers are currently in the fight to finish in the top four in the Sun Belt standings.

If Western wins that fight, they will get home field

advantage in the first round of the Sun Belt tournament.

The Toppers are also trying to stay on pace to be better in the conference than last year when they finished 15-15 in the Sun Belt, coach Chris Finwood said.

In its second season, Finwood’s first recruiting class at Western has shown that they can improve over a short time.

Western players finished among the top of Sun Belt in only two categories last year, when sophomore (then a freshman) Bart Carter finished 10th in pitching with an ERA of 4.13 and senior Scott Kaskie (then a junior) finished third in triples with five.

In the team standings, Western finished first among team fielding last year, but failed to break into the top five in batting and pitching.

This year, the Toppers are on pace to finish in the top five in batting and pitching as well as first in team fielding again.

With seven Toppers in the top five in numerous statistical categories, it’s almost impossible to look at the individual categories without seeing a Topper’s name.

“It’s really gratifying,” Kaskie said. “We’ve worked hard and you see your stats, but what really matters are your wins and losses.”

The Toppers play at 6 p.m. Friday at Arkansas- Little Rock.

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INTRAMURALS

Upsets keep tournament lively; finals tonight

SARAH HYMAN
Herald reporter

Though most sports fans know that a No. 16-seed has never beaten a No. 1-seed in the NCAA men’s basketball tournament, the Intramural Softball Tournament saw an even greater upset on Tuesday night.

Several high seeds were knocked off in the first round, including No. 17-seed Paydirt Elite over No. 1-seed Sigma Chi Gold, which makes the tournament more competitive, Intramural Coordinator Adam McKnight said.

“It’s a lot more fun for everyone involved when the top teams go down,” he said. “There are some really good teams out there, but anybody could win a

game anytime, and that makes it much more interesting.”

Men’s quarterfinal and semi-final games were played last night. On the men’s side, A-Team and KA survived to play in tonight’s championship game. In last night’s women’s semifinals, The Bambinos and 812 Women advanced to tonight’s title game.

Teams are seeded based on league play, which began on April 15. The league standings determined where a team would be placed in the bracket.

The top four seeds in the men’s bracket fell in the first round on Tuesday night, while the No. 6 seed in the women’s tournament, Poland Princesses, advanced because of a forfeit.

Jennifer McDivitt, a fresh-

man from Evansville, Ind., who plays for Poland Princesses, said the tournament has served as a stress reliever in the weeks before finals.

“It’s been really laid-back so far,” she said. “If you mess up, your teammates might make fun of you, but nobody gets mad. It’s a lot of fun.”

Though the tournament can help Greek or independent organizations add points toward a Greek Cup or Independent Cup championship, it’s also served as a way for some students to play a sport that they participated in through high school, but aren’t playing at Western.

McDivitt said she played high school softball and enjoys the chance to play recreation-

ally against other people who love the sport.

“It’s way different from high school, because it hasn’t been too competitive yet,” she said. “But it’s definitely been a fun experience.”

Somerset freshman John Wright Polk played baseball in high school and said it’s been fun to play with his friends at Western.

“We’ve just been able to go out and have a good time,” he said. “It’s been a fun experience, so I think we’ll probably play again next year.”

The women’s finals will be played at 8:15 p.m., and the men will play at 9:30 p.m.

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DISTANCE

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Bor said that adapting to Western and Bowling Green was difficult right away.

“When we came here, at first the weather was really bad,” Bor said. “It was really cold. Running was really a problem. After some time we got used to it and now we are starting to do good.”

Africa is not the only continent Western athletes originate from.

Larin, a member of the men’s 4x400-meter relay team, comes from Russia, and freshman Eimear O’Brien, a distance runner, hails from Sligo, Ireland.

Western will need all its foreign athletes as it competes for the outdoor conference championship on May 9-11 in Denton, Texas.

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TROPHIES

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This year’s team of Smellie, sophomore Terrill McCombs, junior Alexander Larin and junior Romaine McKay are riding a virtual tsunami of momentum toward the Outdoor Conference championships on May 9-11.

They won the event during the indoor championships, and went on to make the finals in the NCAA national meet, placing eighth in the country.

Over the weekend, they finished second in the event at the Drake relays, the second largest meet of its kind in the country.

The men’s team as a whole has not won an outdoor championship since 2004. Their second place finish last year was the highest they had

placed since then.

“We definitely have targets on our backs after winning the indoor championship,” McCombs said. “We really have to go in there with a chip on their shoulder.”

Out of the 21 events in competition, the men’s team has the top finish in seven of them among all Sun Belt teams, including both the 4x100 and the 4x400-meter relays.

On the women’s side, the team is looking for their third consecutive outdoor conference championship.

Last season, the Lady Toppers were 34 points ahead of second-place Florida International at the end of the conference meet.

Last season also saw the women’s team win the cross country title, indoor title, and the outdoor title, the first time in the history of the conference a team has done so.

Coach Erik Jenkins said that the conference meet will be more mental than physical.

“Physically we are prepared to run, throw, and jump far,” Jenkins said. “We just have to have the mental aspect of the game and just have to be prepared to go in and do it when it counts.”

The Sun Belt Outdoor Conference Championships are held May 9-11 at Denton, Texas.

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“We definitely have targets on our backs after winning the indoor championship.”

—Terrill McCombs

Sophomore

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► SPORTS BRIEF

Former lineman hired as campus police officer

As a child, Ben Craig literally grew up in jail. And now he's a campus police officer.

For the past 11 years, his mother, June Craig, has worked at the Shelby County Jail.

If Ben got sick while in grade school, he went to work with her and spent time recuperating in a solitary cell.

Craig, 21, begins his law enforcement career with campus police this week.

Craig, a Western student, has been an offensive lineman on the football team for the past three years.

His mother said he's wanted to be a police officer all his life.

"I want him to choose whatever makes him happy," she said, adding that she's very proud of him.

Craig got to see police work first-hand when he served as an Explorer with campus police last summer.

Senior lineman Greg Ryan said Craig's role on the football team toughened him for the job.

"For even being able to go through three years without being paid anything and going through the stuff we went through just shows the kind of character he has," Ryan said.

Craig begins 18 weeks of training at the police academy in Richmond beginning May 5.

Upon successful completion of the Richmond training, Craig will then do 30 weeks of training under the direct supervision of a campus police officer.

Half of the training will be spent patrolling with his training officer, and the final 15 weeks he'll patrol the campus solo, but still under the watchful eye of his supervisor.

The biggest challenge Craig faced last week was special ordering a uniform and bullet proof vest that fit.

He's easily the largest officer at the department at 6 feet 3 inches tall and 315 pounds.

"I wanted to be a police officer to make a difference in other people's lives," Craig said.

"I want to give back to a community that's given much to me," he added.

— Larry Rowell

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LUKE SHARRET/HERALD

Cosmas Bor, a sophomore from Eldoret, Kenya and one of three Kenyans on Western's track and field team, jogs with his teammates during yesterday afternoon's practice at Smith Stadium. The team is preparing for the outdoor conference championship in Denton, Texas on the weekend of May 9.

THE DISTANCE

Team's international recruiting reaches new boundaries

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

It may just be a corny Disney song, but the Western track team has found out that it is a small world, after all.

"It's a great learning experience," assistant coach Curtiss Long said. "To meet with an (junior) Alexander Larin from Russia and find out he likes the same music you do, and when you stop at the first meet and he stopped at Kentucky Fried Chicken because it was something he liked, you find out how small the world is."

The track and field team has nine athletes who hail from different countries. The majority of those come from the continent of Africa.

"Diversity is a good thing," Long said. "We recruit these people as student-athletes, and there is a special burden on

them to come in and perform well."

Many of these athletes come from the same area of Africa. Sophomore Cosmas Bor, sophomore Bethuel Kiplagat, and senior Daniel Kipsiro all went to the same high school in Eldoret, Kenya.

It was his relationship with Kipsiro that led Bor to eventually decide upon Western.

"I was a student with him back home," Bor said. "I used to run with him. I knew the school where he came to and checked the Internet and found the address of Coach Long. I wrote to him and he replied to me. We started talking and that's how it began."

Long said the Internet has become an invaluable tool in the recruitment of foreign-born players.

"The Internet has become a powerful tool nowadays in recruiting," Long

said. "E-mail has kind of taken place of the letter and the phone call, and it also gives you access to more meet results."

Many of these African athletes have had success. Kiplagat is the fastest returning steeplechaser in the Sun Belt Conference. Sophomore Janet Jesang, from Kampala, Uganda, was the leading point scorer in the Sun Belt indoor championships.

Junior Mandhla Mgijima, a jumper from Bulawayo Zimbabwe, also is a member of the school-record holding 4x100 meter relay team.

Senior sprinter Temi Akojie holds the school record for the women's indoor 200-meter dash.

"I think the training regime has lots of wisdom behind it," Mgijima said. "The workouts have a purpose to them."

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More trophies could await at SBC meet

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

Less than a second was all that stood between the Western men's team and a Sun Belt Conference outdoor championship last season.

It was by that less than a second that the men's 4x400 relay lost to Middle Tennessee State, condemning themselves to second place.

"I was real disappointed that we ended up losing that race," sophomore Gavin Smellie said. "I was the one who it basically came down to in the anchor leg of the 4x400-meter finals. It was really heartbreaking for me."

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COLUMN

I may not be a psychic, but...



OUTSIDE THE 'BOX
David Harten

Sportswriters love two things in this world: sports and being right.

Unfortunately, while I share that love for both, only one has given me love back, which probably explains why I watch ESPN over trivia game shows.

When I enrolled at Western, I did not set out to be a clairvoyant. The major wasn't available.

Predictions, however, are a favorite pastime of mine. With the semester wrapping up, it's only fitting that we look ahead to next year and to what kind of success — or lack thereof — a couple of teams on the Hill may have next season.

When classes resume in August, students will be greeted with the sound of popping pads, whistles and the sweet hum of "RUN IT AGAIN!" coming from Smith Stadium as the Toppers get ready for their final season as a Football Bowl Subdivision transitional team.

By the way, can anyone tell me what was so wrong with just calling it Division I-A?

This season will by far be the toughest in the program's history. Four games at BCS Conference opponents, including visits to Hokie Nation at Virginia Tech and rolling in to meet the Tide at Alabama.

Games at Kentucky, Indiana and Sun Belt foe Troy will test this "bigger, faster, stronger" mentality the Tops are taking, because that's exactly what kind of teams they will be going up against.

Eastern Kentucky, North Texas, Murray State and a trip to Florida International are all potential W's on

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SOFTBALL

Western takes two from Lipscomb

COREY OGBURN
Herald reporter

NASHVILLE — This season's Home Run Derby isn't until the middle of July in New York City, but last night, the Lady Toppers put on a homer show of their own.

In Western's doubleheader against Lipscomb, the Lady Toppers (25-26, 7-13 Sun Belt Conference) lit up the scoreboard with six home runs, winning the first game 6-3 and the second 5-2.

The five home runs in the first game tied a school record for homers in a game that was set on March 22, 2003, also against Lipscomb.

One home run stood out among the rest, however, as junior right-fielder Lindsay Antone's homer in the fifth inning of game one put her in sole possession of the single season home run record with 13.

"It feels really good," Antone said. "I had actually had a pretty bad day in general, and that made it so much better."

Antone didn't stop there.

In the top of the seventh, she put a little cushion between her and former record holder Jessi Richardson, hitting her second homer of the game for No. 14 on the season.

Coach Tyra Perry said she has wanted Antone to break the record for a while.

"It couldn't have happened to a better person," she said. "I'm sure



COREY OGBURN/HERALD

Junior right fielder Lindsay Antone comes home after hitting her second home run in the first game of the doubleheader. Antone went 3-6 with two home runs in Western's wins over Lipscomb last night in Nashville.

she probably has 10 or 15 more in her, so hopefully they'll come out in the last few games."

Sophomore shortstop Kelsey McCauley added to the collection of softballs behind the outfield fence last night, knocking two homers out in the first game and tallying a third in game two, giving her five on the season.

"It was neat hitting two home runs in one game," McCauley said. "It's great to be going into our last conference series with big bats."

Junior third baseman Rebecca

Horesky accounted for the sixth home run of the double-header in game one.

"It felt great to hit one out again and to kind of get back on a streak," Horesky said.

The wins extended the Lady Toppers winning streak to eight games. They have won 11 out of their last 12 contests.

Their current winning streak is the longest since winning nine in a row last season from April 10-21.

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But now that women are trading pants for skirts, the need to shave has come back.
But women weren’t always expected to shave. Sometimes they didn’t even shave to remove hair. Around 3000 B.C. they used depilatory creams made from arsenic, quicklime or starch.
The trend began during World War I, when advertising companies began to market toward a more feminine look. A marketing campaign in America began urging women to shave their body hair. The fashion spread in the May 1915 Harper’s Bazaar showed for the first time a woman’s bare shoulders and armpits.
This was the beginning of body hair removal for a more feminine or hygienic look. Razor blade sales doubled as generations of women began conforming their looks to fashion models.
The 1930s introduced the idea of waxing. But quickly after World War II broke out, a shortage of razors forced women to find other ways of hair removal. One practice was rubbing sandpaper over their legs.
Now women still use the same methods and ideas about shaving, but there is a new hair removal trend emerging among men as well.

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Bike rides show
Bowling Green’s beauty

RYAN W. HUNTON
Herald reporter

You can be sure that Bookstore department manager Forrest Halford rode his recumbent tricycle this morning.
He rides it to and from campus five miles every day, except for Monday, he said.
On Monday, he brings a change of clothes for the week to his office and goes grocery shopping.
Then he needs his Xtracycle.
According to Xtracycle.com, an Xtracycle is a bicycle with the rear wheel stretched out behind the seat. Atop the wheel is a stable platform for a passenger or load. Saddlebags on either side expand when you need them and are cleanly out of the way when you don’t.
“It’s the next generation in cycling,” Halford said.
Halford has five other bicycles, too. If he wants to ride fast, he takes a Biscetta Corsia. If it’s raining, he takes a bike with fenders.
“Each bike is like a different lover,” he said. “They all bring something different.”

He said he rides his tricycle so he can make it up the hills of Bowling Green. He always wears a helmet and gloves.
When he rides to campus each morning, he hears the sounds of the world waking up; he feels spring, he said.
He said he’s very much in tune with the world.
“You see things and you hear things,” he said. “I wave and talk to people.”
On Earth Day, he rode down Regents Avenue on his tricycle.
Taking Cabell Drive, he crossed 31-W Bypass in the middle of the lane.
“People notice me,” he said. “Most of them probably think I’m handicapped.”
He rode down Magnolia Street, crossed Scottsville Road.
“You cross at your own risk,” he said.
He rode through a cemetery. He said he loves riding through cemeteries.
“It always puts things into perspective,” he said.

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AARON BORTON/HERALD
(Left) **Bookstore department manager Forrest Halford rides** different bicycles for different conditions, based on the weather and what he has to do that day.

(Below) **Halford has** seven bicycles and has been riding them as his primary means of transportation since about 2003.



COLUMN

Leaving France
creates regrets,
possibilities



EN FRANÇAIS,
S’IL VOUS PLAÎT
Christina Howerton

The other six students from Kentucky are flying back to the States today with two stuffed suitcases each, plans for the summer and a few thoughts about what they should have done in France before the semester ended.

I can’t say that they seriously regret anything about their study abroad experience, but I think they all wish they could have done more.

For example, one of them said that they wish they could have traveled more around France. Another said that they wish they’d have met more French people.

And another is searching for an internship because they don’t want to go home.

It’s discouraging, but I’ve realized that no matter how long a person travels or studies somewhere, and no matter what they see and accomplish, they are always going to want to do more.

I’ve been to four countries, met a number of international friends and have began to think in French.

I’ve figured out how to navigate Dijon and managed to not get lost in Paris each time I’ve visited.

That’s a lot to do and learn in just three months. I should be satisfied, but I’m not. It just wasn’t enough time for me.

I decided a few weeks ago to stay in Dijon for two extra

months. Now I have more time to do the things I forgot to do in the first three months, such as update my blog more often, visit Nice and Cannes, go to Normandy and take more day trips to Paris. I am also going to Bern, Switzerland this weekend.

I will have a month without class and then I will start another month of school in June.

I think that when I do leave, I’ll still have things I wish I would have done.

But the inability to be totally satisfied with what you’ve done while abroad is not necessarily bad.

The time already spent abroad encourages a person to come back and do and see the things they missed before, because they realize now that it’s possible.

Feeling like anything I can dream up is possible is the most valuable thing that I’ve gained from study abroad.

I know, because of my experiences here, that if I want to come back and spend more time abroad, I can make it happen.

It will have to be after I graduate of course, since according to my parents, I need to graduate on time.

En français, s’il vous plaît is an occasional column about one student’s study abroad experience in Dijon, France. Reach Christina Howerton at diversions@chherald.com.

CAMPUS LIFE

Local venue helps enhance music scene

JILL ERWIN
Herald reporter

It is a place for all ages. Everything is there. Pizza, beer and live music. Bread & Bagel is one place in Bowling Green that has allowed a place for local bands to play their music while everyone of all ages can come listen.

The music movement at Bread & Bagel began as a grassroots effort from employees and bands that wanted a place to play. Most of the advertisements in the beginning were by word of mouth.

It was last February that Emily Spence, a senior from Memphis, Tenn., began advertising the new music scene.

“After we got our liquor license, it made sense to start jumping off ideas about a place for bands to play,” Spence said. “For the past four years I’ve worked here, I gained a love for this place and music.”

April 2007 was the time when the music scene strengthened. One of the first bands that played in Bread & Bagel was local big band, Noisy Joy. Now, Bread & Bagel accepts any type of band, ranging from jazz to hard rock.

“Bread & Bagel is a great place for bands to pick-up shows,” Spence said. “There are not many places in Bowling Green, but Bread & Bagel is a place for someone from 10 to 100 that just wants to come and enjoy good music.”

Bread & Bagel tries to book as many shows a week as possible. On average there are two to three shows a week.

Spence said that Bread & Bagel is set in a good location that helps bands that may be traveling to another area get a show.

“Bowling Green is in a great part of the state,” she said. “It is between Nashville and Louisville and not far from Cincinnati. It is a great place that bands can pick-up a random show before they perform



LOREN GIFFORD/HERALD

Tom Gilbert, left, and Josh Foster, right, from the band Parachute Musical warm up before they open for Via Audio at Bread & Bagel on Wednesday night. Originally from Washington, D.C., the band moved to Nashville to start a musical career. “Their style is different, and that’s why I like them,” said Amy Gieske, 30, a fan from Bowling Green.

in larger cities.”

Jordan Pendley, an alumnus from Louisville and music promoter for Bread & Bagel, said Bowling Green is a surprising place to have a good music scene, but it does exist. Bread & Bagel just adds to that scene.

“There is a music scene without Bread & Bagel,” Pendley said. “It is just very isolated. Bread & Bagel opens up a door for musicians to walk through and an avenue for people of all ages to come and hear music from all over the country.”

Bands have come from different places such as New York, Portland, Ore., Austin, Texas and Chicago. Wednesday night a band from New York City, Via Audio, performed at Bread & Bagel.

Via Audio is an indie rock group that has toured all over the country. They just finished a tour with their last stop in Memphis. A friend of theirs contacted Pendley through

MySpace and booked a show while they were still in the area.

Via Audio has also played in Japan with the band, Spoon. But coming to a smaller venue in Bowling Green was a great place for them to play one last show before going back home to Brooklyn, N.Y., said David Lizmi, bass player and singer.

“We’ve played in front of many types for crowds,” Lizmi said. “We’ve played in front of large crowds and biker bars. We just love the chance to see this great country, have fun and make a little gas money.”

Elizabethtown freshman Tyler Henry comes to every show to hear new kinds of music.

“It’s pretty cool what they do here,” Henry said. “It is a small venue, but it is open for everyone. It’s the best place to listen to music because of all the different types of music that plays here.”

Pendley said that although many groups, both large and small, have played at Bread &


Bagel, including a few out of Nashville, having Via Audio play will help move the music scene in a new direction.

“It is pretty amazing to have Via Audio come play at Bread & Bagel,” he said. “They have played in many different areas, so this is a pivotal moment for Bread & Bagel. This is like karma for all of our hard work and booking efforts.”

Pendley also said that bringing in bands from other areas will help spread the word about Bread & Bagel as a venue. He hopes it becomes a new spot for touring musicians to come play.

“We would like to see everyone come and realize that Bowling Green and Bread & Bagel are worth the while,” he said. “Bowling Green has become more aware of the indie music scene. There is something to do in Bowling Green now. There is no excuse.”

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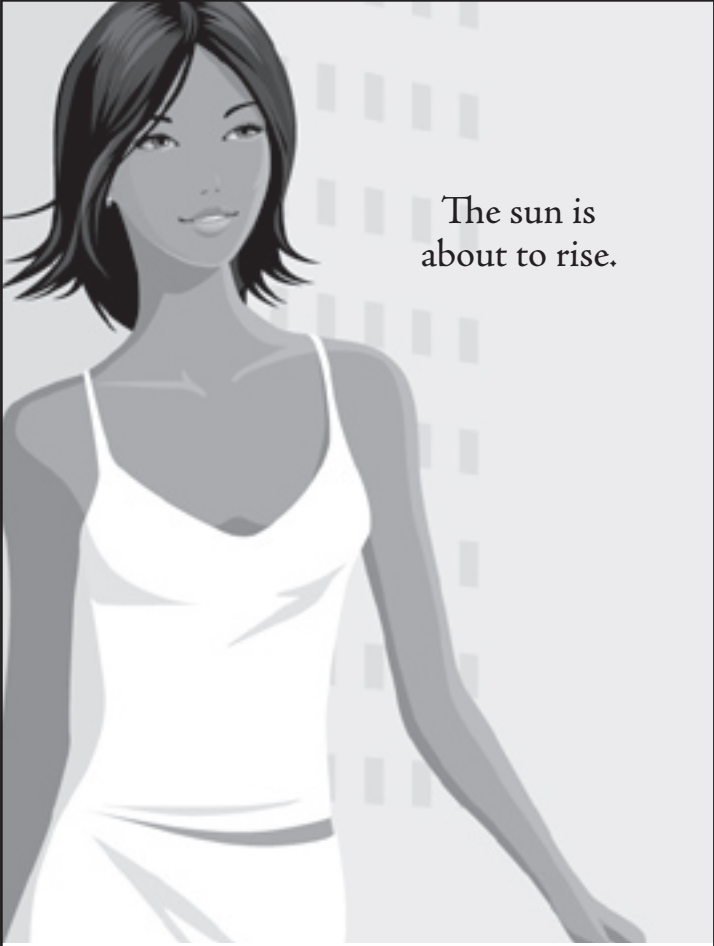
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Emily Mendel, SuperCuts salon head stylist, said that since she has been waxing customers in December, there has been a 60 percent increase in men who come to the salon to get waxed.

“They are embarrassed when they come in because it makes them seem feminine,” Mendel said. “All kinds of men come in here with their wives. It is not just a thing for homosexuals.”

In a survey done by Nair, a hair removal cream company, 91 percent of Americans remove hair from their bodies, while 59 percent find it more attractive.

Of those surveyed, about 33 percent of men remove any kind of body hair.

Louisville junior David Rose said he would never shave or remove hair from his legs but understands why some males

would. Back or chest hair is less desirable than smooth skin.

“They do it to get in touch with their feminine side,” Rose said. “It is about image to impress girls.”

But he prefers women to shave their legs for feminine reasons or cleanliness issues. He said they probably shave because it is a “cultural” thing.

“It is weird if a girl doesn’t shave her legs,” he said. “Stubby is okay but amazon hair is different.”

Smiths Grove senior Dee Bledsoe agreed with Rose that the cultural aspect is that women feel prettier, cleaner and sexier without body hair.

“It’s manly to be big and burly,” Bledsoe said. “If I am dating someone, I shave my legs more frequently. It just makes me feel so pretty and clean.”

In the survey by Nair, they interviewed 250 girls from the ages of 12 to 17. The study found that 56 percent of girls started shaving when they were about 11 or 12 years old. About

24 percent of girls said shaving makes them feel older and more sophisticated.

Shaving is also a “rite of passage” for girls to become more womanly, Bledsoe said.

“My mom said I couldn’t shave until sixth grade,” she said. “Shaving is a learning process and represents people wanting to be attractive.”

In some cultures, removing body hair is not necessary in order to feel clean and attractive.

Social Psychology Professor Sam McFarland said that shaving trends vary by decades because the idea of beauty changes.

“It helps you conform to the standards of beauty in your culture,” McFarland said. “People shave or don’t shave because of customs so we don’t stick out.”

Customs in other countries do vary slightly than American culture. In Cambodia, women value hairy legs by growing their hair out and coloring it different hues such as gold, brown and purple. Kim Bitterling, Cambodia native and assistant

manager of SuperCuts, said that it is odd to see men enjoying hairy legs on females. It is their way of meeting single guys.

Bitterling said that while she thinks it’s unusual for Cambodian men to value leg hair on women, that is their custom.

“They think it’s beautiful to be hairy,” Bitterling said. “In Cambodia they think that having long hair (on your legs and arms) brings good luck and a better future.”

No matter where people live or what their culture is like, most come together to agree on one common ground: that each person has their own unique perspective of what being beautiful really means.

Whether they get out their razors in time for spring or keep them packed away with their pants and bulky sweaters, every woman and man can embrace their “inner goddess,” shaved legs or not.

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BIKE

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Eventually, he rode into Kereiakes Park on a trail — called a greenway — made specifically for bicycles and pedestrians.

The Greenways Commission of Bowling Green and Warren County was created in 2001.

The mission statement is to develop pathways “that bring the community and nature together.”

City Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson said the project expands across Warren County.

Hopefully, it will be done before school starts next fall, Wilkerson said.

Halford said he’s excited about the project.

“It’s the mark of a progressive city,” he said.

Halford said Bowling Green is on the way to becoming a bicycle-friendly community.

A bicycle-friendly community provides safe cycling and encourages its residents to bike

for transportation and exercise, according to the League of American Bicyclists’ Web site.

Halford sold his car a few years ago.

He still doesn’t have a car, but he doesn’t look down on them, he said.

“I don’t want to drive that much anyway,” he said. “I’m used to riding my bike.”

Cars are overused, he said.

He said his world view has expanded since he began riding bicycles consistently in 2003.

“I had an old bike then, and I decided I didn’t want to be 300 pounds anymore,” Halford said.

He said a one-and-a-half mile bike ride put him out of breath.

“Your body will adapt,” he said.

He said he rode that old bike until it died of rust.

He lost 100 pounds.

“Once I realized I didn’t need my car, I couldn’t stop riding my bike,” he said.

When he rides his bike, he figures out the roads where cars don’t usually go and maps his path. There are ways to get to the Greenwood Mall without taking

Campbell Lane or Scottsville Road, he said.

“And with so many cars and so much exhaust, why would you want to?” he said.

Halford rides the back roads of Bowling Green.

“Bikes should be on the road like cars,” he said. “They have all the rights cars do.”

Halford said he rides the back roads of other cities too. He takes a 40-mile route down Polkville Road into Franklin, just north of the Tennessee border.

He rides across Iowa with a group of cyclists annually.

“We’re blessed in Kentucky,” he said. “We have beautiful scenery, wonderful roads.”

Halford said he rides his bike because of the rising cost of fuel, he said.

On April 1, a group of students began a critical mass to show that fossil fuel usage could be reduced.

Critical mass is an event where a group rides bikes, roller blades, skateboards, scooters and takes up a lane of traffic to show that alternatives exist, according

to the Facebook group.

They met four times this semester, about once every two weeks, said Nick Asher, Elizabethtown freshman and group organizer. Their last meeting was on Earth Day.

Halford said he hasn’t heard much about the critical mass in Bowling Green, but he knows it’s a national thing.

He said despite being 50, he feels like he can ride with the younger crowd. When he was riding in 2006, a couple of younger guys came up from behind and passed him, Halford said. He asked if he could draft them, or ride behind them to benefit from reduced air pressure, and one of them replied, “If you think you are up to it.”

Halford said he not only drafted them, but also ended up dropping them.

When Halford leaves his home in the morning, the path begins with an uphill, he said.

“But for every uphill, there’s a downhill,” he said.

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Mayoral candidates discuss issues important to students

LAUREL WILSON
Herald reporter

The three mayoral candidates are busy campaigning, as the May 20 primary that will narrow the field to two is approaching.

Two debates have already taken place, and a final one happens on May 15 at State Street Baptist Church.

The candidates are hoping that Western students will vote.

“There aren’t so many votes that Western couldn’t turn the election one way or the other,” said Commissioner Brian Strow, a candidate for mayor as well as an associate professor of economics.

The other candidates are incumbent Mayor Elaine Walker and former Interim Police Chief Jerry Wells.

The candidates have answered questions for the Herald so that Western students can make an informed decision about whom to vote for. The questions and their answers follow.

Why do you want to be mayor?

Strow: “I want to be mayor to help the city focus on infrastructure, more specifically roads and sidewalks. The city has gotten behind and needs to play catch up.”

Walker: “I think the city is growing strong, and I think I’m the best candidate to continue that growth.”

Wells: “I’m running for mayor for two reasons. Number one, it’s a natural extension of my service about self-concept that I believe as a personal philosophy. The second is that I believe in my long career on the police force has allowed me to understand the city commission form of government to a much greater degree than the other candidates.”

Why are you the best candidate for the job?

Strow: “My previous experience as a two-term city commissioner has given me insight in how to bring the best city services.”

Walker: “I’m committed to taking the time this job requires. I have the greatest experience with economic development and growth.”

Wells: “The lessons I have learned about local government through my years of service. I have dealt with the same things.”

What will be your number one issue or top priority if elected?

Strow: “Road construction and maintenance. Traffic is the number one issue for the citizens of Bowling Green, so the city government should focus on alleviating their problems.”

The candidates will participate in a final debate May 15 before the May 20 primary.



Brian Strow



Elaine Walker



Jerry Wells

Walker: “Actually, there are two: number one is economic growth, and number two is to continue to increase the home ownership rate.”

Wells: “To manage the best I can to ensure that the TIF (tax increment financing) district is successful with a looming economy that may slow down.”

How is Western tied to the city, and would this change if you were elected?

Strow: “I believe I have a unique opportunity to bring Western and the city together. I believe the city should take more advantage of students with internships.”

Walker: “We work very closely with the university — everything from the ONE Campaign celebration to the town-gown meeting. It’s a very ongoing process of economic development to improve the city and county.”

Wells: “Western is a very integral part in the city of Bowling Green and the services it provides. It would be very important that we maintain a working relationship.”

What benefit would Western students have with you as mayor?

Strow: “They would see increased internship opportunities in the city, and my finance students would see greater insight into real-world experience. Students will also see a more pedestrian-friendly community for walking or riding a bike.”

Walker: “One of the big things that I think is activism in Western students. In the ONE Challenge, they beat out 1,400 other schools. By channeling that activism and taking it to the city, they can make a difference. Students want someone who’s going to listen to them, and that’s me.”

Wells: “They would have the benefit of knowing that I’ve

been where they are with housing and fair treatment issues, and I know what it’s like to leave home at a young age and how much it means to be able to find a good paying job.”

What is your personal relationship with Western?

Strow: “Obviously, it pays my bills. But I have been elected to represent the best interest of the city. Sometimes the best interest for the city and Western collide, but I will stand on the side of the city.”

Walker: “Very strong. It’s not unusual for President Gary Ransdell and I to discuss issues such as development or Center Street construction.”

Wells: “My personal relationship is being a 1973 graduate. I was a history major and government minor.”

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CAMPUS LIFE

Caffeine addiction affects students

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

It starts with a case of the jitters, then moves slowly to insomnia with a touch of upset stomach.

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These are the effects of caffeine addiction.

Caffeine addiction affects a wide range of people, including college students, adults and the elderly.

According to an article from cbsnews.com, 80 to 90 percent of Americans rely on some form of caffeine during their day.

For Miranda Shipley, a senior from Gettysburg, Pa., consuming coffee first thing in the morning is a must.

Shipley said every morning, she make three cups of coffee, pours it all into a huge mug and begins her day. She said that out of her four roommates, three of them are addicted to caffeine.

“I usually use it to stay awake if I have a lot of studying to do,” Shipley said. “I don’t really see caffeine as a harmful thing, but then again I haven’t really looked into it.”

Shipley said that she has never thought that a lot of college students were addicted to caffeine because most of the time she hears about them con-

suming large amounts of alcohol or unhealthy foods.

She said she has tried to stop drinking so much coffee since she started her freshman year, but it gave her headaches.

“I first tried coffee when I was little and I was at breakfast with my parents,” she said. “I hope I don’t ever have to stop drinking coffee because that would be a really bad thing.”

Julia Cielo, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., works at Spencer’s Coffeehouse. She said that their coffee clientele consists of people of all ages, but the only thing that differs is the time of day they arrive.

“Nights are usually consumed with college students that come here to study after 8 p.m.,” she said. “During the day, it is mostly adults that come in here to eat lunch during their breaks.”

Cielo said the same 100 customers usually come in every day and order the same thing, and after that, it’s mostly wanderers.

“A lot of students that come in here to get coffee tell me that they probably shouldn’t be buying it,” she said. “But then they tell me they need it to stay awake, so I give them a shot of espresso.”

Wayne MacGregor, business office manager and a registered nurse at Health Services, said although caffeine does have temporary side effects, it does not harm the body long term.

“Caffeine does do some good things like kick start the day if you consume it in the morning,” MacGregor said. “And because it is a diuretic, there will be some loss of fluids.”

MacGregor said caffeine is not just in soft drinks and coffee, but it’s also in chocolate, candies and certain medicines.

According to medicinenet.com, the top three items that people consume that contain caffeine are plain brewed coffee, energy drinks and chocolate.

“Items with both sugar and caffeine in them like, ice cream, tea and chocolate, are the absolute worst,” he said. “The person has a sugar high at first and then a caffeine high, followed by a crash after it’s over.”

He said that people should stop drinking and eating things with a lot of sugar and caffeine in them at about 6 p.m. and start drinking water or juice if they want to avoid insomnia.

“Some people think they have escaped consuming caffeine if they stop drinking fluids that contain it, but it is also appetite suppressing,” he said. “After people come down off their caffeine high, they are in starvation mode, so after consuming a lot of caffeine or sugar, they should preferably eat something with protein in it.”

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LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Derrius Brooks, a freshman from Fortson, Ga., hands off a baton to junior Mandhla Mgijima of Bulawayo, Kenya during the track and field team's relay exchange practice on Feb. 6. Brooks, who is also a wide receiver on the football team, ran the school's third fastest time for the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.81 seconds at the University of Kentucky on Feb. 2.



ALTON STRUPP/HERALD

Brittany Jarboe What's Your Story: April 15



BRIANA SCROGGINS/HERALD

The Board of Regents meeting included former Student Government Association President Jeanne Johnson, Ladonna Rogers, President Gary Ransdell, Chair Lois Gray, Jim Meyer and Jim Johnson, among others at the meeting on Jan. 25.



NATHAN MORGAN/HERALD

(Above) **Following the Toppers' win** over MTSU in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament Championship, senior guard Charlotte Marshall hugs sophomore guard A.J. Slaughter while the men celebrate their Sun Belt Championship. The Lady Toppers won their championship game earlier that day.



DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

Amos resident O.L. Meadors stands with his family outside his mobile home that was flipped upside down during the tornado that ripped through the Allen County Area on Feb. 5 and 6. "It just happened quick and fast. This can be fixed, people can't. We were just lucky," Meadors said.

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